

Public record pursuant to s39(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*

Proposal Title: Cervantes-01 Conventional Well Drilling Proposal
Proposal Location: 11 kilometres south southeast of Port Denison, Western Australia
Case Number: CMS 17821
Date referral received: 09-07-2020 **Date more information received:** 12-01-2021
Referrer: Chris Newport, Director, RCMA Australia Pty Ltd
Proponent: RCMA Australia Pty Ltd

Potential significant effects:

There are potential impacts on: Flora and Vegetation from the clearing of 5.3 hectares (ha) of native vegetation and potential indirect impacts from unplanned fire and introduction and spread of weeds and disease largely within the Beekeepers Nature Reserve; Terrestrial Fauna from the clearing of 5.3 ha of potential fauna habitat; and Terrestrial Environmental Quality from the contamination of soil with drilling chemicals, diesel, or sewerage.

Preliminary key environmental factors: Flora and Vegetation, Terrestrial Fauna and Terrestrial Environmental Quality.

Public comment on referral information:

Do not assess:	5
Assess: a) Referral information	1
b) Environmental review - no public review	0
c) Public environmental review	138
<i>Total submissions:</i>	144

Decision: s. 39A – Assess

Level of assessment

Referral Information

Explanation of decision:

The EPA considers that it has enough information so that it can undertake the assessment on Referral Information. The EPA notes that assessment of clearing impacts are mostly exempt and a clearing permit is not a mandatory requirement for the proposal. Assessment is required to determine the risk of direct and indirect impacts such as unplanned fire, weed and disease introduction and spread within the Beekeepers Nature Reserve and how rehabilitation would occur so that biodiversity is returned and there are no ongoing management issues.

Appeals: Decision not appealable.



Professor Matthew Tonts

CHAIR

Delegated of the Environmental Protection Authority

Date 10 February 2021